

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

Amendments to the specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on line 19 of page 28 with the following paragraph.

5

Mixer 24 mixes the stabilization chemicals with the pulp slurry. The stabilization chemicals are supplied from units 25 and 25' through lines 26 and 26'. The ~~ehemeials~~ chemicals may be supplied to the slurry either before or at mixer 24. The stabilization chemicals can be any of those mentioned. Alkali metal chlorites, hydrogen peroxide, acid, chlorine dioxide and peracids are among the chemicals that may be used. It is preferred that an acid, such as sulfuric acid, and a peroxide, such as hydrogen peroxide, be used. It is most preferred that an acid be used.

10